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5.	never in history has the Soviet military been instrumental in formulating or influencing national policy, and any tendency on the part of the West to consider the Soviet military as a political factor is unfounded.	25 X 1				
6.	the assignment of Malenkov, following his resignation as Premier, to the post of Deputy Premier of the USSR and Minister of Electric Power Stations, was calculated to dispel any thought that his resignation was brought about through a struggle for power among Soviet leaders, but was nothing more than an administrative reassignment. This maneuver has historica precedent. For example, Trotskiy was assigned to the same Ministry of Electric Power Stations (sic) as the first step in his downfall, and Yezhov wa assigned as Commissar of Communications under similar circumstances.					
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